



*Associated Students of College of Alameda*

# VOTER GUIDE



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2025 - 2026



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# VOTING PROCEDURES



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## VOTER GUIDE:

USE THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA VOTER GUIDE TO GET TO KNOW ALL OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR MISSIONS.

## HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:

Online voting will begin on **Tuesday, April 8th** and end on **Wednesday, October 9th**. The website link will be posted on the College of Alameda's student election page [alameda.edu/ascoa-elections/](https://alameda.edu/ascoa-elections/).

**Students may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student ID number is required for voting.**

Elections results will be posted by Monday, April 14, 2025.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## SENATORS

- ANNE GORMLEY





# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: ANNE GORMLEY

My name is Anne Gormley, and I have the honor and privilege of running for the Associated Students of College of Alameda Senate. Coming back to school has been full of challenges, but the faculty and staff here at Alameda have been gracious and patient with me learning to adapt to the new dynamic of hybrid education. Their help has been invaluable. It would be a joy for me to be able to give back to my COA community by serving my fellow students, helping them navigate the academic process in the same way that I have been helped.

I am an excellent candidate because I have experience serving on boards beginning when I was in high school. I am the current ASCOA – VP of Operations. Also, currently, I serve locally in Alameda in my faith community, and Alameda Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), and in Oakland on my Credit Union’s

Local Advisory Board.

At my previous school I worked as a TA in the learning skills classroom, working 1-to-1 with students and classmates, and leading projects on how to study, how to tutor someone with learning differences, and how to design a vision board.

Dear to my heart is equal and inclusive access to educational and financial literacy for underserved populations. It is my hope that we will develop our current and/or more programs here at COA to support the students that are struggling for whatever reason so that everyone here at COA is an academic success. Hopefully, that success is transferred to success in their work, and in their life. Together, as Alameda Cougars, we BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, and SUCCEED.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## TRUSTEES

- AHYAN MALIK (BCC)



# CANDIDATE FOR TRUSTEE: AHYAN MALIK (BCC)



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Hi, I'm Ahyan Malik!

Currently involved in ICC, ASBCC, MESA, and other key student support roles across Berkeley City College, I've seen the challenges students face from multiple angles, and I seek to bring those voices to the Board level. I want to push for budget transparency, while also advocating for equitable access to learning resources in campus libraries, including Chromebooks and Hotspots. I'm running to amplify student voices, driving changes that support success across all campuses.

# PROPOSITION A: TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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## PROPOSITION

Shall the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees require students to pay \$50 per semester (year 2025) and \$53 per year thereafter for the transportation program. The purpose of the fee is to provide students an AC Transit "EasyPass" with access to AC Transit local and Transbay service (valued at \$2,592), as well as a shuttle bus program for direct routes to campuses provided by the Peralta District, for each qualified student for the academic year starting Fall **2025**.

Vote "YES" if you are in favor of the  
Transportation Fee

Vote "NO" if you are not in favor of  
the Transportation Fee

A majority (51% or more) of students  
voting in this election must vote  
"YES" for the proposition to pass.





# IF STUDENTS ELECT TO PASS THIS PROPOSITION,

## THE FOLLOWING WILL OCCUR:

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- The EasyPass program will make transportation more affordable for students, especially students who cannot afford to attend college due to the cost of transportation. The EasyPass program will increase bus ridership, thereby decreasing dependency on automobiles and reducing the environmental pollution caused by automobiles.
- WITHOUT the AC Transit EasyPass, the cost of riding the bus will be as follows: \$2.50 cash fare or \$2.25 with Clipper per-ride for adults; \$81 for an adult 31-day pass; and \$216 for an adult 31-day Transbay pass. With the AC Transit EasyPass, students riding AC Transit buses will save a minimum of \$923 annually if purchasing a local 31-day pass each month and will see savings of \$2,500 when compared to the cost of a monthly Transbay pass.
- Students enrolled will pay \$50 (academic year 2025-26) then \$53 per semester thereafter for the transportation fee.
- All qualified students registered in the Fall or Spring semester will have access to the EasyPass. The EasyPass will be valid from one week before the first day of instruction in the semester through one week after the first day of instruction in the semester.
- The spring semester EasyPass is valid throughout summer term.
- The AC Transit EasyPass will provide students access to all bus lines administered by AC Transit, including Transbay routes.
- A student only enrolled in summer session will not pay a fee and will not be qualified to receive a valid EasyPass unless they enrolled in units the previous Spring semester.
- The Peralta Shuttle Bus Program will provide express shuttles to and from the college campuses with a set schedule that is aligned with the schedule of classes.
- The Peralta Shuttle Bus Program will be available Monday through Thursday from 7am-7pm, except holidays, to all registered students with a valid student id. This service will be provided year-round, including summer semester.
- The fee rates are fixed as follows. \$50 per semester starting 2025-2026 academic year and \$53 per semester thereafter. The fee
- The transportation fee does qualify for financial aid.

# **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**



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- **PRESIDENT ERSON PAYOPAY**
  - **VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS  
SHEMICKA JOHNSON**
  - **SENATOR CARLENE BECK**
  - **SENATOR CRISTIANA GOMEZ**
  - **EVIE HO**
- ADVISOR: NATALIE RODRIGUEZ**





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